

REMARKS

Claims 6, 8-10 and 13-16 are pending in this application. Claims 6, 9 and 14-16 are amended herein. Support for the amendments are found throughout the application as originally filed. In particular, support for the amendment of claim 6 is found on page 40, line 9 through page 41, line 4. No new matter will be introduced by entry of this amendment and entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 8-10 and 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Katase (U.S. Patent No. 6,525,865) in view of Duthaler (U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0155857). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the reasons set forth below.

The claimed process is characterized by the combination of the step of disposing the optical modulation members on a substrate on which an electrode was formed in a pattern, and the step of applying the plural kinds of stimuli individually by using the electrode to predetermined different areas of the substrate. This combination is neither taught or suggested by the cited references.

In view of the above remarks, applicant respectfully submits that claims 6, 8-10 and 13-16 are patentable over Katase in view of Duthaler. Thus, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 6, 8-10 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of the dependent claims. Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as to why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed supra,

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the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

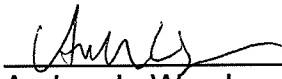
CONCLUSION

For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5185.

Respectfully submitted,
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